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1. AT 18 JUNE VIETNAM SPECIAL STUDIES GROUP MEETING CHAIRED BY DR. KISSINGER, ALL ATTENDING PRINCIPALS, INCLUDING KISSINGER, EXPRESSED DISTRESS AND DISQUIET OVER U.S. GOVERNMENT'S POOR FEEL FOR VIET CONG INFRASTRUCTURE. DATA OF VARYING WORTH ABOUNDS, AS DO OPINIONS OF VARYING DEGREES OF KNOWLEDGEABILITY. THESE OPINIONS SPAN SPECTRUM FROM THOSE WHO BELIEVE VCI BADLY MAULED AND ON VERGE OF UNRAVELLING IN MANY KEY AREAS TO THOSE WHO BELIEVE VCI OVERALL RELATIVELY UNSCATHED AND UNTOUCHED IN PAST YEARS, UNDAMAGED (AGAIN, OVERALL) BY PHOENIX/PHUNG HOANG OR OTHER ALLIED PROGRAMS, AND GETTING PROGRESSIVELY STRONGER WITH EVERY PASSING MONTH.

2. UPSHOT OF CONSIDERABLE VSSG DISCUSSION WAS THAT

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TO []
 KISSINGER ASKED [] TO TRY TO TAKE HARD LOOK AT PROBLEM
 AND ATTEMPT TO PROVIDE BEST ANSWERS THAT CAN BE PROVIDED.
 HE IS NOT EXPECTING MASSIVE PAPER BUT INSTEAD WANTS A CRISP
 ANALYSIS OF AND BEST POSSIBLE JUDGMENTS ON FOLLOWING
 CENTRAL ~~XXX~~ QUESTIONS:

A. HOW SHOULD QUOTE VCI UNQUOTE REALLY BE
 DEFINED OR ANALYZED (IN TERMS OF MAJOR COMPONENTS
 OR ORGANIZATIONS LUMPED UNDER THIS GENERAL RUBRIC)?

B. WHAT SORTS OF NUMBERS OF PEOPLE ARE WE
 TALKING ABOUT WHEN WE SPEAK OF THE VCI?

C. HOW HAS THE VCI BEEN AFFECTED BY THE EVENTS
 OF THE PAST YEAR? OVERALL IS IT NOW WEAKER, STRONGER
 OR ABOUT THE SAME AS IT WAS A YEAR AGO? IF THERE IS
 NO SIMPLE OVERALL ANSWER, WHAT ARE THE MAJOR
 COMPONENT ANSWERS.

D. HOW SHOULD WE RATE THE VCI'S PRESENT EFFECTIVE-
 NESS, ITS STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES AND ITS REGENERATIVE

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CAPABILITY IN VIEW OF GVN ~~KNOWS~~ PROGRAMS TARGETED
AGAINST IT?

E. WHAT IS VCI LIKELY TO LOOK LIKE A YEAR FROM
NOW IF CURRENT ALLIED MILITARY AND OTHER PROGRAMS
AND ACTIVITIES CONTINUE IN ROUGHLY THEIR PRESENT FORM?

F. WHAT IS VCI LIKELY TO LOOK LIKE A YEAR FROM
NOW IF THERE SHOULD BE A CEASE FIRE IN THE NEAR FUTURE
THAT CONTINUES IN EFFECT FOR THE ENSUING YEAR?

3. RECOGNIZE THAT THE ABOVE ARE TOUGH QUESTIONS WE
HAVE ALL TACKLED IN VARIOUS GUISES MANY TIMES. NONETHE-
LESS, WE MUST NOW TACKLE THEM ONCE AGAIN. TO MELD FIELD
AND HQS VIEWS, WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO TAKE A CRACK AT WRITING
THE FIRST DRAFT OF OUR RESPONSE TO THE WHITE HOUSE, COVERING
ALL THE POINTS OUTLINED ABOVE BUT STRUCTURING THE PAPER
IN THE MANNER YOU DEEM MOST CONSONANT WITH THE DATA. OUR
FINAL TEXT SHOULD NOT EXCEED THE ORDER OF 15-20 ~~KNOW~~ DOUBLE
SPACED PAGES.

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4. WE ARE UNDER CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE AT THIS END,

BUT WE RECOGNIZE THAT SOME TIME HAS TO BE REQUIRED IF THE
JOB IS TO BE PROPERLY DONE. COULD WE THEREFORE GET YOUR
DRAFT BY OUR OOB THURSDAY, 25 JUNE.

5. PLEASE DELIVER TO COS OR ACOS AT OPENING OF
BUSINESS.

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VIETNAMESE AFFAIRS STAFF
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

DATE: 18 June 1970

TO: Brigadier General Robert E. Pursley
Military Assistant

FROM: Office of the Secretary of Defense

SUBJECT:

REMARKS:

Appended hereto is Secretary
Laird's copy of this week's update of
our continuing study on enemy supply
losses in Cambodia.

George A. Carver, Jr.
Special Assistant for Vietnamese Affairs

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